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Annual Report

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1947.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my **Twenty-seventh Annual Report**, being for the year 1947.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Cancer	4	4
Intracrainal	5	3
Appendicitis	1	0
Heart Disease	11	8
Circulatory System	1	0
Bronchitis	0	1
Ulcer of Stomach	2	0
Violent Causes	1	0
Other causes	2	3
Total from all causes	27	19=46

		Total	Male	Female		
Live Births	Legitimate	41	15	26	Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated mid-1947 population 20.7	
	Illegitimate	3	0	3		
	Total	44	15	29		
Stillbirths		0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	Nil
Deaths		46	27	19	Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population	21.7

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	Nil
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	Nil
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) : 8

Deaths from Measles (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) : Nil.

Population 2118	Live Birth Rate	Per 1,000 Crude Death Rate	of Estimated Population. Death rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death rate from Cancer	Maternal Mortality Rate Per 1,000 live Births	Per 1,000 total still & live births	Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births
Mean of 5 years							
1942-1946	12.8	13.5	0.39	2.44	Nil	Nil	39
1946	14.4	13.0	Nil	0.96	Nil	Nil	33
1947	20.7	21.7	Nil	3.77	Nil	Nil	Nil

Increase or
decrease in
1947 on 5 years'
average

1942-1946	+7.9	+8.2	—0.39	+1.33	Nil	Nil	—39
Previous year	+6.3	+8.7	Nil	+2.81	Nil	Nil	—33

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area, 3,277 acres ; Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 2,118 ; No. of inhabited houses, 714 ; Rateable Value, £13,180 ; Sum represented by a penny rate, £51.

HEALTH SERVICES

Accommodation for Smallpox : Moss Side Hospital, Singleton, Fylde, Preston, and Garstang Joint Board.

Accommodation for Infectious Diseases : Infectious Diseases Hospital, Blackpool.

Accommodation for Children's cases : Preston Royal Infirmary (usually).

Accommodation for Maternity cases : Preston or Blackpool Maternity Hospital.

Infectious disease cases going to hospital are taken by the hospital's Motor Ambulance. Ambulances for accident and non-infectious cases are supplied by arrangement with Thornton Cleveleys U.D.C.

The Over Wyre Nursing Association employs a nurse in the district for home nursing.

CHILD WELFARE

A Centre, under the management of the County Council assisted by volunteer local lady helpers is held at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. A School Dental Clinic is held at the County Council Clinic, 7 Elletson Terrace, Park Lane, at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Clinics for Antenatal, Orthopaedic and Artificial Light treatments are held at the Fleetwood Hospital.

OFFICERS

Your Health Officers are S. A. Nield Faulkner, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc., who is Medical Officer of Health as a part-time officer, and Sydney H. Senior, C.R.S.I., etc., Sanitary Inspector, who is also part-time jointly with his appointment as your surveyor. The salaries of these officers are met as to one half by contribution from the County Council.

Officers of the County Council carry out the routine inspection of cattle for tuberculosis, and inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Veterinary inspectors can be called in at the request of the M.O.H. The sampling of milk for School Children and inspections under the Shops Act, 1912-1934, are done by your Sanitary Inspector

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

All but 9 houses in your area have water from the Fylde Water Board. Of the 714 houses in the district, 98 are not connected to the sewerage system by reason of distance from a sewer.

Closet Accommodation: 758 Water Closets, 1 Waste Water Closet 42 Pail Closets, 22 Privy Closets.

15 houses await conversion. A further 47 would be convertible upon extension of sewers.

Refuse Collection: Collection is by hired motor vehicle; Collection from pails and privies by trailer tank vehicle. Collection made from 663 bins, 17 ashpits, 42 pail closets and 22 privies. Collection is not made from 48 houses distant from populous centres.

Refuse Disposal: Refuse is tipped on low-lying land distant from inhabited areas, and covered with soil. Liquid refuse and pail contents are spread on arable fields by permission of farmers.

SANITARY INSPECTION

Our Inspector reports the making of inspections to 243 premises, the discovery of 122 defects and the abating or remedying of all of them. 60 informal notices were issued and it was not necessary to issue any statutory notices.

Shops Acts: The 36 shops in the district were found satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed.

Fish Fryers : The two premises are well conducted.

Schools : Both schools are satisfactory as to premises and conveniences.

Factories : There are 22 premises registered under the Factory Act, 1937, including a Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, Bakeries, Garages, Joiner's shops, and a Printer's works. All are satisfactorily maintained.

House Drains : Notices were sent in respect of 36 blocked drains and these had attention by Council's Staff on payment by the owners.

Tent, Vans, Sheds, etc.: Premises of this description are not continuously occupied. 8 sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents for the Summer season only. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings. Lavatory accommodation is provided, and Fylde water is laid on to each site. The sites are well conducted and are kept very clean and tidy.

HOUSING

8 new houses were erected by the Council and 13 by private persons.

Inspection was made of 70 houses and defects were found at 62 of these. All were rendered fit on informal notice.

A classification of houses in your area shows that 74 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 31 are houses and Shops, 353 are small modern houses, 180 are good older houses, 14 poor type but habitable, and 24 are under orders for demolition.

There has not been any case of overcrowding during the year.

Six Council Houses will shortly be ready for occupation and this will complete the first post war Housing Scheme. Land already sewered is available for a further 30 Houses.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The County Council do the examination and sampling of saleable foods, the inspection of dairy cattle, and licensing of accredited milk producers, of whom there are seven in your district.

There are 49 farms in your area. The bulk of local retailing is done by five farmers. The main production is taken by collecting lorries to depots outside the district.

A new drainage system, and Fylde water has been provided by one farm during the year.

168 Pigs slaughtered for home consumption only under licence from the Food Controller, and all such pigs were inspected.

There are no slaughterhouses in your district. There are three bakehouses, which are satisfactorily conducted.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases of infectious diseases occurring during 1947 were :—Scarlet Fever, 2 ; Diphtheria, 2 ; Measles, 9 ; Acute Pneumonia, 2 ; Poliomyelitis, 1 ; Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 1 ; 6 swabs from the throat were examined for diphtheria by the Clinical Research Association, London. Disinfection of premises was carried out in respect of 6 cases.

Tuberculosis : Only one new case of non-respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year.

31 Children were immunised against diphtheria during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. A. NIELD-FAULKNER.

